

**CONSTITUTION AND CODE of
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Of DELAWARE**

ARTICLE I

Style and Title

Section 1: The style of this Grand Chapter shall be "THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE".

Power and Authority

Section 2: This Grand Chapter is a body of Royal Arch Masons, in whom is inalienably vested the government and superintendence of Capitular Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction, subject only to its obligations to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Who Compose

Section 3: This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as enumerated in Section Five of this Constitution together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Treasurers of this Grand Chapter, and all Past High Priests who are also members of a subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction and the first three officers of each warranted Chapter working under the authority of this Grand Chapter or their proxies duly appointed.

Annual Convocation and Quorum

Section 4: The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the Second Saturday in March at 1:00 P.M., at such place as determined by majority vote of this Grand Chapter.

The representatives of three Chapters, together with at least one of the three elective Grand Officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Officers and Titles

Section 5

A. Elective Officers

The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Right Excellent Grand King
Right Excellent Grand Scribe
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer
Right Excellent Grand Secretary

None but High Priests or Past High Priests shall be eligible to election to any elective office in this Grand Chapter.

The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at each annual Convocation by ballot and by a majority of all votes cast, except that when there is but one nominee for an office, vote may be by usual voting sign of a Royal Arch Mason.

B. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

Excellent Grand Captain of the Host
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain
Excellent Grand Lecturer
Excellent Grand Marshal
Three Excellent Grand Masters of the Veils
Most Reverend Grand Chaplain
Excellent Grand Sentinel

The appointed officers shall be selected by the incoming Grand High Priest and hold office by his pleasure during the term of his office; and all officers of this Grand Chapter must be contributing members of a subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction.

Installation

Section 6: The installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter shall take place during the Annual Convocation at which they are elected or appointed, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Votes and Voters

Section 7: Each officer and member of this Grand Chapter is entitled to one vote and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional vote in case of an equal division.

Proxies

Section 8: Each warranted Chapter within this jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in this Grand Chapter by its first three officers; but in case any of them cannot attend, the Chapter (or in case of its failure to do so, its High Priest, or acting High Priest) may appoint any of its other officers or members to act as their Proxy, and shall furnish said Proxy a certificate of appointment over the signature of the High Priest or acting High Priest, attested by the Secretary and under Seal of the Chapter.

Duties of Grand Officers

Section 9:

A. Grand High Priest

The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess and shall, at each Annual Convocation, report, in writing, a statement of official acts during the recess and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

The Grand High Priest at his installation should present a brief statement of his plans/goals for the year. These plans should be reduced to writing and distributed with the Annual Summary to the Constituent Chapters for their guidance.

The Grand High Priest at each regular Annual Convocation shall appoint the following standing Committees:

- Jurisprudence
- Finance
- Permanent Fund
- Grand York Rite Youth
- Royal Arch Research Assistance
- York Rite Leadership & Education
- Grand York Rite Annual Meeting

In addition he may appoint such other committees as needed for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

B. Grand Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds, property, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter; to pay all orders duly drawn by direction of the Grand Chapter; to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements, by item, and the amount of moneys and securities in his hands, as at January 31, each year. (Revised 1979) (Amended 2001)

All moneys for current expenses belonging to this Grand Chapter shall be deposited in a bank selected by the Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, in the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, to be drawn against warrants/vouchers issued by the Grand Secretary and signed by the Grand High Priest. (S.R. No. 8, 1893, as amended 1973 & 2001)

C. Grand Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter; to keep a registry of members of Subordinate Chapters; to receive, duly file and safely keep all

papers and documents of the Grand Chapter; to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Chapter; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter and pay the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and report the same by items to the Grand Chapter annually; to report the Chapters that have neglected to render proper returns of their elections, members and dues, and to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter under the direction of the Grand High Priest.

Within forty-five (45) days after the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter the Grand Secretary shall prepare and send to the Secretary of each Constituent Chapter a Summary of the activities of Grand Chapter, and a copy of the newly-installed Grand High Priest's Program for the Year (if one has been submitted), to be read aloud in each Constituent Chapter at the Stated Convocation next following receipt of the Summary (and Program) by the Secretary.

The Grand Secretary's Statistical Summary of Membership shall be prepared from the Annual Returns of the several Chapters, showing figures as at December 31st, while his Financial Report shall show Receipts and Disbursements to January 31 each year. (Revised 1979 & 2001)

D. Other Officers

It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, in addition to the duties herein specifically mentioned to perform such other duties appertaining to their offices as shall, from time to time, be directed by the Grand Chapter.

E. Payment of Bills

The Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, collectively, are authorized to pay all bills as they come due. (S.R 38, 1925)

Section 10. SUCCESSION OF OFFICE

In the case of the death, absence or inability of the Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office the Grand King and Grand Scribe will, in succession, succeed to prerogatives and duties for all purposes.

ARTICLE II SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Section 1. ORGANIZATION

A Chapter can only be organized by the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, or the warrant of the Grand Chapter, and in each case only upon application of not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

Section 2. DISPENSATIONS AND PETITIONERS, HOW QUALIFIED

No dispensation to form a new Chapter can be issued without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; and no warrant shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation, and furnished a certificate from the the Grand Lecturer, of its ability to confer the degrees, nor shall a dispensation be issued to form a new Chapter within two months next preceding the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. (Amended 2001)

Section 3 FEE FOR DISPENSATION

The fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter shall be Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) and shall accompany the petition for the same; it shall also be accounted as payment in full for a warrant, if afterwards granted.

Section 4. WARRANTED CHAPTERS

Whenever a warrant shall be issued to authorize the holding of a new Chapter, the same shall be duly constituted and its officers installed by the Grand High Priest, or the duly authorized proxy, previous to which ceremony no Convocation of the Chapter can be legally held.

A warranted Chapter within this jurisdiction shall consist of:

The High Priest
King
Scribe
Treasurer
Secretary
Captain of the Host
Principal Sojourner
Royal Arch Captain
Master of the Third Veil
Master of the Second Veil
Master of the First Veil
Sentinel

and as many members as may be convenient, congregating and working by virtue of a warrant from this Grand Chapter, and at the place designated in the warrant or by the Grand Chapter. (Amended 1973)

Section 5. OFFICERS; WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN

The first five officers named in the preceding section shall be elected annually, by ballot and by a majority of all votes cast, at

the regular Convocation of the Chapter next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day.

Where there is but one nominee for an office, vote may be by the usual voting sign of a Royal Arch Mason. (Adopted 1972)

The remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

Section 6. WHO ARE VOTERS

Every member in good standing is entitled to one vote, and every voter is eligible to any office in the Chapter.

Section 7. WHO PRESIDES IN CHAPTER

The High Priest shall preside at the several Convocations of the Chapter, and in case of his absence, the King and Scribe, and no other, shall in order of rank succeed him.

Section 8. APPEAL FROM DECISION OF HIGH PRIEST

No appeal to the Chapter can be taken from the decision of the High Priest.

Section 9. VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Vacancies in elective offices can only occur by death, by resignation, by promotion at an election to fill vacancies, and by suspension or expulsion; but the first three elective offices cannot be vacated by resignation; except in the case of an incumbent High Priest who has been nominated by his District to the office of Deputy Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Delaware, in which case, said incumbent High Priest shall be permitted to resign his office, with the approval of the Grand High Priest. The vacancy created by such resignation shall be filled in accordance with Article II, Section 10 - "VACANCIES; HOW FILLED". If the vacancy is not filled with a Past High Priest, Anointing to the Order of High Priesthood may be deferred until the next meeting of the Order of High Priesthood. (Amended 1973 and 1991, Proceedings page 27)

Section 10 VACANCIES; HOW FILLED

A Chapter may fill vacancies in any elective office (except that of the High Priest) by ballot at any regular Convocation; but in case of a vacancy in the office of High Priest, an election can only be held at a regular Convocation (the members having been duly summoned for that purpose), and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, which must be applied for by the King and Scribe, and a vote of two-thirds of all members present at a regular Convocation, to be so certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter.

Section 11. CHAPTER SEAL AND BOOKS

Every Chapter shall have a Seal and shall also keep the following books:

1. A Book of By-Laws, with signatures of the members.
2. A Record Book of the Proceedings of the Chapter.
3. A Register of the names of members, with the date of receiving the different degrees
4. A Book of Marks

All Mark Master Masons are required to adopt a Mark, have the same recorded in the Book of Marks, in ink. Officers of Subordinate Chapters using all endeavors to have those who are at present members and who have not chosen for themselves a Mark, to do so.

5. Such other books as the Chapter shall direct (Amended 1973)

Section 12. PETITIONS AND FEES FOR DEGREES

The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a sum less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), all of which must be paid before receiving the Mark Master degree, and then only upon Master Masons, whose petitions shall have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a committee of investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter, and a petition for the degrees for membership shall not be balloted on before the next regular Convocation succeeding its reception except by dispensation.

Section 13 PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

A Royal Arch Mason holding, membership in a Chapter in this jurisdiction shall have the right of membership in any Chapter in this jurisdiction without limit as to the number of Chapters to which he may belong.

One desiring multiple membership shall present a petition for affiliation in the other Chapter, together with evidence of good standing in his original Chapter as well as the requisite fee as fixed by the By-Laws of the other Chapter. If elected, he shall pay all Chapter and Grand Chapter dues and assessments in every Chapter of which he shall be a member as prescribed, dating from his election to multiple membership.

Within one month of his election to membership in the other Chapter, his original Chapter shall be notified of his status in the other Chapter, by the Secretary of the other Chapter.

Each Chapter shall show his status as a dual member in their Annual Return and pay the usual Per Capita and Assessments due.

A multiple member in good standing may voluntarily terminate his membership in any Chapter by notifying all Chapters in which he

shall hold membership of his intent of termination. Upon such notice, his name shall be removed from the rolls of the Chapter in which termination is desired. No Demit shall be issued upon termination, and he shall be listed as "Withdrawn" in the Annual Return of the terminated Chapter.

A multiple member in good standing may voluntarily demit from membership in all Chapters in which he shall hold membership by notifying all such Chapters of his intent. His name shall be removed from the rolls of all such Chapters and a Demit shall be issued by his primary Chapter only.

A multiple member who is Expelled or Suspended from any Chapter shall be automatically Expelled or Suspended from all Chapters. The Chapter taking the action shall notify the Grand Secretary who shall notify the other Chapters.

A multiple member who shall have served as High Priest of one Chapter shall be listed by his other Chapters as an Affiliated Past High Priest. A multiple member who shall have served as High Priest of more than one Chapter shall be listed as such by all Chapters over which he shall have presided, and as an Affiliated Past High Priest by his other Chapters.

A multiple member shall not be permitted to concurrently serve more than one Chapter as an elected representative, i.e. High Priest, King or Scribe. A Past High Priest of one Chapter serving as an elected representative of another Chapter shall have no vote as a Past High Priest in Grand Chapter, during his incumbency. A Past High Priest of more than one Chapter shall have only one vote in Grand Chapter. (Revised 1993 Proceedings page 30.)

Section 14 REJECTED CANDIDATES

A petition for the degrees having been rejected cannot again be received within the period of six (6) months, nor by any other than the rejecting Chapter without first obtaining its consent. (General Grand Chapter Proceedings, Page 81)

Section 15 JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES

A Chapter shall not act upon the petition of or confer the degrees upon a candidate who resides in another State, without the consent of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction he resides. (Amended 1973)

A Master Mason, after six (6) month's residence in the State of Delaware, may petition for the Capitular degrees in the Chapter of his choice. (Adopted 1973)

The request of a Chapter located in another State for a waiver of Jurisdiction over a Delaware resident may be granted by the Grand High Priest.

Section 16 BY-LAWS

A Chapter has full power and authority to enact By-Laws for its own government, conformably to this Constitution; and any By-Laws inconsistent therewith are absolutely void.

Section 17 DUES AND HOW COLLECTED

A Chapter may make By-Laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the suspension of the Companion in arrears, which shall cease upon the payment of his dues to such time as the By-Laws shall direct.

Any subordinate Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter may suspend, by a majority vote of the Companions present at any regular Convocation, any Companion who shall fail to pay his dues for two (2) years; provided that no Companion shall be suspended until he shall have had at least one (1) months notice of the intention of the Chapter to take action upon his delinquency and of the penalty to which he renders himself liable by failure to liquidate his indebtedness as specified by Chapter.

Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction may, if by them deemed expedient, be permitted to exempt from dues all Companions who have been members in good standing of their respective Chapters for a period of twenty-one years.

Section 18 ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO GRAND CHAPTER

Every Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall make Annual Returns to this Grand Chapter as of December 31st each year, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, listing its Officers and Members and giving the financial information required.

Each Chapter shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Chapter an amount to be set by the Grand Chapter from time to time while in session by a majority of the members present and voting for each Exaltation and an amount to be set by the Grand Chapter from time to time while in session by a majority of the members present and voting plus General Grand Chapter assessments as Annual Dues for each Member on the Chapter Roll--except those Exalted during the year, and those Companions whose dues have been remitted by their Chapter, and, further, in accordance with Section 12-A as to Dual Members -- together with any Assessments levied by this Grand Chapter.

Said sums shall be due and payable with the Annual Returns, which shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary not later than January 31st in each year. Any Chapters whose returns are not so made shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Chapter Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00)

for such neglect.

(Proceedings 1972, page 11, Proceedings 1973, Revised 1979, Adopted 1985 and effective 1986. Revised 1992 Proceedings, page 27. Revised 1993 Proceedings, page 31.) (Amended - 2001)

Section 19 INTERIM REPORTS

On or before the fifth day of each month, the Secretary of each Constituent Chapter in Delaware shall submit to the Grand Secretary, in writing, using the form provided by the Grand Secretary, any changes in the membership status of his Chapter during the preceding month, including any candidate(s) in progress, giving the name(s) of the Companion(s) and the date of the activity. (1983)

Section 20 MOVING A CHARTER

A. A Chapter may not move its place of meeting from the city, town, or village named in its warrant, nor from one place to another in the same city, town or village, except by concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present at a summoned Convocation, the object of the Convocation being stated in the summons, which must be served at least ten (10) days previous to such Convocation, and such move from the city, town or village must receive the sanction of the Grand Chapter previous thereto. (Amended - 2001)

B. A charter may be temporarily moved for a Special Convocation, Degree Work or Balloting, providing the members of the Chapter have been given due and timely notice and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has issued proper dispensation. (Added - 2001)

Section 21 CHAPTER; HOW DISSOLVED

A Chapter can only be dissolved by the act of the Grand Chapter or by voluntary surrender of its warrant, pursuant to a vote of a majority of its members when duly summoned for that purpose.

Section 22 WARRANT; HOW FORFEITED OR SUSPENDED

The warrant of a Chapter can be forfeited only upon charges regularly made in the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation, of which due notice shall be given to the Chapter, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; but it may be suspended by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest at any time upon proper cause shown which suspension shall not extend beyond the next Annual Convocation thereafter.

Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction failing to meet at least in four Convocations in a year shall be summoned to show cause why their charters shall not be withdrawn.

Section 23 ACTS FOR WHICH WARRANTS MAY BE RECALLED

The acts by which a warrant may be forfeited are contumacy to the authority of the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest; violation of the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry or of this Constitution; neglecting to meet for one year or more; and the non-payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for two (2) years successively.

Section 24 CHARTER DEPRIVED OF WARRANT OR DISPENSATION

The surrender or forfeiture of a warrant or dispensation, when adjudged by the Grand Chapter, shall be conclusive upon the Chapter and its members, and carries with it all the property of the Chapter, which becomes the property of the Grand Chapter and must, on demand, be surrendered to the Grand Chapter or its authorized agent.

Section 25 CHARGES AND TRIALS

If any member of a Chapter, or unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason, within this jurisdiction, shall be guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor which would subject him to discipline, charges, with distinct specifications of the offense, may be preferred in open Chapter; and it shall be the duty of the acting High Priest (except in cases of non-payment of dues), to appoint three (3) disinterested Companions as Commissioners to try the accused upon said charges and specifications, and report their proceedings thereon to the Chapter with all convenient speed, together with their conclusions and recommendations thereon, for the action of the Chapter - The decision of the Chapter shall be final, unless an appeal be taken there from to the Grand Chapter within six (6) months thereafter. In case of charges against a Chapter or a High Priest, or by one Chapter against another or a member of another, they shall be referred to the Grand Chapter when in session or, during recess, to the Grand High Priest. When presented to either of the latter, he shall appoint the three (3) Commissioners (who shall be High Priests or Past High Priests) from Chapters not interested in the case, and they shall hear, try and determine the matter, reporting their proceedings, conclusions and decisions thereon to the officer appointing them; and their decisions thereon, if approved by him, shall be final, unless appealed from, as above

Section 26 WITNESSES AND EXPENSES OF TRIALS

The High Priest of any Chapter may summon witnesses in any case provided for in the preceding section, and the expenses which may be incurred by Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the above section shall be borne by one or both of the parties, as the Commission may determine; and the amount of such expenses, and their decision as to who shall be chargeable with the same, shall be set forth in their report, and payment may be enforced in the same manner as Chapter or Grand Chapter dues.

Section 27 CHARGES AGAINST HIGH PRIESTS

Charges against the High Priest of a Chapter for official misconduct while holding the office of High Priest must be presented to the Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter, during his term in office or within one (1) year thereafter.

Section 28 OTHER RULES FOR TRIALS

The Grand Chapter may establish such further regulations as to the mode and form of trials and appeals as it may deem expedient.

ARTICLE III

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. WHO PRESENT AT ELECTION IN THE GRAND CHAPTER

None but members of the Grand Chapter (Past or present officers of other Grand Chapters excepted) shall be present during the election of officers.

(Rescinded 1986)

Section 2 WHO MAY VISIT GRAND CHAPTERS

No Companion shall be permitted to sit as a visitor in this Grand Chapter without unanimous consent of the members present

Section 3. RESTORATION BY THE GRAND CHAPTER

A restoration to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry by the Grand Chapter does not restore to membership in a Subordinate Chapter.

Section 4. GRAND LECTURER

The Grand High Priest shall annually appoint a discreet and well-informed Royal Arch Mason as Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, when required by any Chapter, to visit and instruct them in the work and lectures of the several degrees. It shall also be his duty to attend the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. (Amended - 2001)

Section 5. WAIVER OF JURISDICTION BY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The request of a Chapter located in another State for waiver of Jurisdiction over a Delaware resident may be granted by the Grand High Priest. (Adopted 1973) (Moved to Article II, Section 14, 1986)

Section 6. COMMITTEES

The Grand High Priest at each regular Annual Convocation shall appoint standing Committees on Masonic Jurisprudence and Credentials. (Amended 1973) (Moved to Article I, Section 9, 1986)

Section 7. AMENDMENTS

No amendment to this Constitution shall be made until it shall have been proposed at one Annual Convocation and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at the next Annual Convocation, except as noted below. (Amended 1973)

If any amendment proposed receives the unanimous consent of the members to consider for action at the same Convocation, it may be acted upon and adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of all members present. (Adopted 1973)

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THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH, MASONS
OF
DELAWARE
STANDING RESOLUTIONS

1. REJECTED, SUSPENDED AND EXPELLED (1871)

Chapters are directed to forward to the Grand Secretary the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled, immediately thereafter, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify all Subordinate Chapters of the same. (Rescinded 1973)

2. EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES (1877)

That the Grand Secretary, hereafter, upon ascertaining the amount due each representative of the Subordinate Chapters for actual expenses in attending the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts aforesaid, payable to their respective orders, and transmit as early to them as practicable; provided, however, that no more than one Representative from the same Chapter shall be entitled to compensation. (Rescinded 1972, Page 16)

3. EXPENSES MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST (1831)

That the M.E. Grand High Priest is authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of his actual expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. (Amended 1972, Page 16)

4. FAILURE TO HOLD CONVOCATION (1883)

Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction failing to meet at least in four Convocations in a year shall be summoned to show cause why their charters shall not be withdrawn.

5. COURTESY CONFERRING DEGREES (1888)

Any Subordinate Chapter in any adjoining jurisdiction may confer the degrees of Capitular Masonry on Master Masons of this State who reside nearer to such chapter than to any Chapter in this State, provided the same privileges be extended to the Chapters in this State by the Laws of such adjoining jurisdictions. Rescinded; see Constitution, Article II, Section 14)

6. GRANTING CERTIFICATES (1890)

The Right Excellent Grand Secretary hereafter shall grant no certificate to Companions of the Subordinate Chapters (who have surrendered their charter), until the said Companions have paid the dues owed to the Chapters to which they belonged, unless this Grand Chapter remit the same.

7. PETITIONS PENDING (1891)

Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters shall notify the different Chapters when petitioners are pending in their respective Chapters for initiation and membership. (Rescinded 1972, Page 16)

8. DEPOSITING OF FUNDS (1893)

All moneys for current expenses belonging to this Most Excellent Grand Chapter shall be deposited in the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Co., in the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, to be drawn subject to the signature of the M.E. Grand High Priest, R. E. Grand Treasurer and R. E. Grand Secretary. (Constitution, Article I, Section 9B, as amended 1972) (Rescinded - 2001)

9. EXEMPT FROM DUES (1895)

Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction may, if by them deemed expedient, be permitted to exempt from dues all Companions who have been members in good standing of their respective Chapters for a period of twenty-one years.

10. BOOK OF MARKS (1895)

All Mark Master Masons are required to adopt a Mark, have the same recorded in the Book of Marks, in ink. Officers of Subordinate Chapters using all endeavors to have those who are at present members and who have not chosen for themselves a Mark, to do so.

11. MEMBERSHIP COEXISTENT (1896)

Membership in a Chapter (shall) be coexistent with membership in a Blue Lodge; i.e., that a Companion who is demitted from a Blue Lodge for more than one year forfeits his membership in his Chapter.

12. SIGN FULL NAMES (1896)

Applicants for degrees are required to sign their names in full to their petitions, and that Secretaries are instructed to see that their names are so signed to the By-Laws.

13. STANDARD WORK (1896)

This Most Excellent Grand Chapter having adopted the work as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter International Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction are required to use this as their standard work, thus insuring uniformity. (See Standing Resolution No. 44)

14. INSTRUCTION OF CANDIDATES (1897)

The Excellent High Priests of the several Subordinate Chapters are instructed to cause all candidates to perfect themselves in the essentials of the preceding degrees before being advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

15. LEGAL RESIDENCE (1901)

No subordinate Chapter shall receive and act upon the petition for Capitular Degrees unless the applicant has resided within the jurisdiction of this said Chapter six months. (See also Constitution, Article II, Section 14, 1973)

16. COMMISSION OF REPRESENTATIVES (1901)

Commissions issued to Companions to represent this Most Excellent Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, as well as those issued to Companions to represent other Most Excellent Grand Chapters near this, shall be limited in each case to the close of the succeeding Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. (Superseded. See Standing Resolution No. 37, 1925)

17. RECEPTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES (1903)

That hereafter each year during the session of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, at such times as the M. E. Grand High Priest may direct, the Representatives of Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Sister Jurisdictions near the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Delaware be received in ample form in open Chapter, showing courtesy to and honoring our Sister Grand Jurisdictions and those representing them.

18. USE OF THE CIPHER (1904)

The use of cipher is hereafter forbidden in open Chapter

19. WAIVER OF JURISDICTION (1904)

When a waiver of jurisdiction is desired, the Chapter nearest to which the applicant may reside shall have jurisdiction, and such waiver shall be granted when said Chapter unanimously consents.

(Rescinded 1973; see Constitution, Article II, Section 14, 1973)

20. COMMITTEE ON PRINTING (1907)

A Standing Committee on Printing shall be appointed to attend to all printing of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter and the Right Excellent Grand Secretary shall be Chairman of the same.

21. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE IN GRAND CHAPTER (1907)

None but Excellent High Priests or Past High Priests shall be eligible to election to any elective office in this Most Excellent Grand Chapter. (Constitution, Article I, Section 5, 1973)

22. PAST MASTER DEGREE (1907)

Chapters are required to Work the Past Master's degree in accordance with the provision of the ritual in use before the adoption of the work of the General Grand Chapter. (Rescinded 1959; see Standing Resolution No.44)

23. CHARGES (1907)

That the Chapters be requested to use the charges for the several degrees as offered by the system in use in this State previous to the adoption of the work of the General Grand Chapter. (Rescinded 1959; see Standing Resolution No. 44)

24. FEE IN FULL (1908)

Chapters shall not confer the degrees without payment of the usual fee nor any part thereof be remitted. (Rescinded 1973; Constitution, article II, Section 12, 1973)

25. FAILURE TO PAY DUES (1908)

Any Subordinate chapter under the jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter may suspend by a majority vote of the Companions present, at any Convocation, any Companion who shall fail to pay his dues for two years; provided that no Companion shall be suspended until he shall have had at least one month's notice of the intention of the Chapter to take action upon his delinquency and of the penalty to which he renders himself liable by failure to liquidate his indebtedness as specified by Chapter.

(Constitution, Article II, Section 16, 1973)

26 MEMORIALS (1909)

Upon the death of a member of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter, the Memorial Committee shall prepare a suitable memorial with all their Masonic History, which shall be read at the regular Convocation of all Subordinate Chapters next following, and upon the death of a Past Grand High Priest, all sister jurisdictions be officially notified. (Rescinded; see Standing Resolution No. 41, 1931)

27. HOLDING TWO OFFICES (1909)

A Companion elected to office in his Chapter cannot hold an appointed one except temporarily

28. DEMIT (1909)

A Companion wishing to demit from his Chapter must apply in writing for the same.

29 ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD (1913)

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Delaware makes it obligatory that every High Priest-elect must first become an Anointed High Priest before he can regularly officiate as High Priest of his Chapter

30. ADDRESS, PORTRAIT AND RECORD OF M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST (1914)

In all future publications of the proceedings of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter, a page, opposite to that of the portrait of the M. E. Grand High Priest, shall contain a biographical sketch and record of his Masonic career, and his address.

31. CONFERRING DEGREES (1914)

Resolution adopted January 16, 1907, which reads, "That the conferring of any degree of the Capitular systems under the authority of the M.E. Grand Chapter be confined to a High Priest or Past High Priest", be rescinded; and in the future the Scribe may confer the Mark Master's Degree, the King may confer the Most Excellent Master's degree, and the High Priest or Past High Priest the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees.

32. NON-AFFILIATED (1915)

A Companion who becomes non-affiliated and remaining so for a period of one year shall be denied the privilege of visiting any Chapter in this jurisdiction.

33. LIFE MEMBERSHIP (1917)

The several Chapters in this jurisdiction are permitted to issue life membership for such a sum as may be agreeable to said individual Chapter, and that certificates of membership, when issued under this ruling, be limited to one year with privilege of renewing the same annually so long as said Companion holds membership in a Blue Lodge, unless a Companion holds life membership in a Blue Lodge, then life certificate may be issued to said Companion in the Chapter. In other words, the issuing of a life certificate in the Chapter be coexistent with the life membership in the Blue Lodge

34. PRINTING NAMES OF COMPANIONS (1920)

Names of Companions in good standing only shall be printed in the proceedings. Past High Priests are to be returned in the order in which they served their Chapters; deceased Past High Priests to be so designated

35. OPENING AND CLOSING CHAPTERS (1920)

High Priests are required to open and close their Chapters in full form; the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master degrees may be opened and closed in short form if it should be necessary.

36. LAPSE OF TIME BETWEEN CONFERRING DEGREES AND INSTRUCTION OF CANDIDATES

(1920)

Except by dispensation, a period of one lunar month shall elapse between the conferring of each Capitular degree upon each candidate, with the exception of the Past Master's degree, which may be conferred in conjunction with either the Mark Master or Most Excellent Master's degree.

And that the resolution of 1897 be strictly enforced. That is, all candidates shall be instructed in the essentials, viz: the signs, word, steps and obligations of each degree, before being advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. (Rescinded - 2001)

37. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (1925)

The appointment of Grand Representatives shall be permanent and the Commissions of said Representatives shall only be withdrawn for cause. (Rescinded 1986)

38. PAYMENT OF BILLS (1925)

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, collectively, are authorized to pay all bills as they come due. (Constitution, Article I, Section 9E, 1973)

39. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION OF HIGH PRIESTS (1926)

Certificates of election of High Priests shall be forwarded annually by Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election has taken place, for use at the Annual Meeting of the Order of High Priesthood

40. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES (1928)

Whenever a Grand Representative misses two consecutive meetings of the M E. Grand Chapter, without reasonable cause, his position may be declared vacant, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled by the M E. Grand High Priest.

41. MEMORIALS (1931)

Upon the death of a member of this Grand Chapter, the Memorials Committee shall prepare a suitable memorial with all his Masonic History which shall be read at our Annual Convocation and become a part of our record; and, in addition, upon the death of a Past Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary have printed a suitable card announcing the same and mail a copy to each sister jurisdiction with whom we hold fraternal relations. (Rescinded 1986)

42. MEMBERSHIP CARDS (1936)

Beginning 1937, the following words be added to our membership card: "and has paid his dues to _____".

43. DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST (1948)

Resolved that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be eliminated from Article I, Section 5, of our Constitution. (This was an amendment to the Constitution not a Standing Resolution.)

44. STANDARD WORK (1959; REVISED 1984)

Resolved that the Standing Resolutions of the M E. Grand Chapter adopted in 1907 as follows:

"1. Chapters in this Jurisdiction are required to work the Past Master degree in accordance with the provisions of the Ritual in use before the adoption of the work of the M. E. General Grand Chapter

2. That the Chapters in the Jurisdiction be requested to use the charges for the several degrees as offered by the system in use in this State previous to the adoption of the work of the M. E General Grand Chapter.

BE RESCINDED, and the following resolution be adopted:

"Resolved: That this M. E. Grand Chapter adopt the Ritual of the M. E. General Grand Chapter in conferring all degrees."

That the Past Masters degree conferred in Delaware, whether by Delaware Chapter or by Chapters from Sister Jurisdictions, be the Virtual Past Master degree as set forth in the General Grand Chapter ritual.

45. ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO GRAND CHAPTER (1969)

BE IT RESOLVED by this Grand Chapter to continue the Special Assessment of \$0.25 Annually on each Royal Arch Mason of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware to defray the expense of our Annual Grand Convocations. (To effect the recommendation of M.E. Chester G Dahlstrom, made in 1967) (Constitution, Article II, Section 17, 1972) (Rescinded - 2001)

46. F. IRVING CROW YORK RITE AWARD OF HONOR (1979)

Whereas this Grand Chapter and all York Rite Masonry in Delaware has been richly endowed by the labors of our devoted and lately departed Most Excellent Companion F. Irving Crow and

Whereas this Grand Chapter wishes to perpetuate his name, memory and service forever, and

Whereas it is desired to make this a living monument, as exemplified in the lives and services of those he left behind to serve, now therefore be it Resolved that we do hereby and herein establish the "F. Irving Crow York Rite Award of Honor", to be awarded according to the criteria established at the 111th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Criteria for Award:

The "F. Irving Crow York Rite Award of Honor" has been established in memory of a devoted beloved Companion. This award is to be given no more often than

annually, and not necessarily that often, by this Grand Chapter to that Companion who has, through years of long service to the York Rite, best exemplified the teachings of the lessons of York Rite Masonry. The award, although made to an individual, is to remain the property of this Grand Chapter and is to be displayed in the York Rite Body designated by the current recipient. The selection of a nominee for this award shall be by unanimous consent of a Committee composed of the three immediate living Past Grand High Priests, based upon deliberations with previous recipients, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The presiding Grand High Priest may accept, or decline, to make the award. In no instance may he make a recommendation for the award.

In all instances it must be remembered that the award is made in honor of a distinguished Delaware Mason who served the York Rite for almost sixty years with the deepest of love. It should never be awarded to one who has not, in his own service, exemplified the service and love demonstrated by him for whom it is named. (Amended - 2001)

47. GRAND SECRETARY DUTY (1979)

That within 45 days following Grand Chapter", the Grand Secretary submit to each Subordinate Chapter, a summary of the activities of Grand Chapter, as well as the incoming Grand High Priest's program for the year - And further, that this report be read aloud in each Subordinate Chapter. (Moved to Article I, Section 9C & Revised, 1986)

48. MASTER'S PINS (1979)

That this Grand Chapter present to each Master-elect of the Delaware Blue Lodges a "Master's pin" with the year engraved thereon. (Rescinded 1988, Proceedings - page 26)

49. CANDIDATES INFORMATION (1979)

That since we are obligated to convey as much light to our Companions as is within our power, this Grand Chapter provide each newly exalted Companion with a keystone decal, a Royal Arch Triple Tau lapel pin, and an historical information package of the four degrees.

50 MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE (1982)

That this Grand Chapter purchase a plaque to be presented to the Chapter which each year obtains the most new members The plaque will have a place for the engraving of the name of the Chapter and the year.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD: (1982, REVISED 1983)

The Chapter to receive the Grand Chapter Plaque (for membership) in any given year shall be determined from the figures in the Annual Returns from the several Constituent Chapters, received by January 31st.

The plaque shall be presented to that Chapter which reports the highest number of Exaltations in the year, unless two or more Chapters report the same number of newly-Exalted Companions, resulting in a "tie" in that category, which is to be resolved.

In the event of a "tie" the Award shall go to that one of the "tied" Chapters which, according to the Annual Return shows:

The largest gain, or smallest loss, (numerically) in members for the year, applying this formula:

Exaltations plus Reinstatements minus Demits, Suspensions and those Companions owing two years dues and those owing more than two years dues, if any such - In case a tie still exists, then the plaque shall go to that one of the "tied" Chapters whose Demits and Suspensions together with that number of Companions owing two years dues and those owing more than two years dues, if any such, combined in number, constitute the smallest percentage of its membership at the start of the year. Any "Tie" remaining after this step shall be decided by lot. Assisted by the Grand King and Grand Scribe, the Grand Secretary will prepare the lots, each bearing the number of one of the "tied" Chapters, and in the presence of these three Grand Officers, the Grand High Priest shall draw the (winning) number of the Chapter to receive the plaque for the year. (Affiliations, Deaths, and Dual Members are to be excluded from All computations in arriving at the determination of the Chapter to be honored.)

51. PUBLICATION OF "STILL FURTHER LIGHT" (1983)

That this Grand Chapter proceed with and continue to publish the newsletter "Still Further Light" in conjunction with the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. The number of issues is to be determined by agreement of the Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Editor; and that the Grand Chapter of Delaware is to pay two-thirds of the cost of publishing and distributing the same, to the limit of \$100.00 per annum. Additional expenditures above that limit are to be approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee. (Rescinded - 2001)

52. VACANCY IN OFFICE (1989)

In the event of a vacancy in the Elected Officers, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall have the power to advance the remaining progressive Officers and to fill the vacancy in the station of Captain of the Host thus created. Preference for appointment to the station of Captain of the Host shall be given to an Excellent Companion from the same Chapter which filled the original vacancy. Such advancement and appointment shall not affect the future rotational appointment preference previously established by this Grand Chapter This resolution to be effective at the close of the 1989 Annual Convocation.

53. GRAND CHAPTER REGALIA (1995)

Recognizing that confusion might arise regards the ownership of the Grand Chapter Regalia used by the officers of this Grand Chapter, and that presented to Past Grand High Priests, the following 'Acknowledgment of Ownership' is to be signed by each Grand Presiding Officer prior to his investiture with this Regalia. A copy of same to be retained by the Grand Secretary until such time as the regalia is rightfully returned to Grand Chapter.

Acknowledgment of Ownership

I, _____, in the State of Delaware HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that the Masonic Regalia hereinafter described, (e.g. Past Grand High Priest Jewel, Apron with Case, Collar Chain with Jewel, etc.) are the property of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, and that the same have been placed in my possession IN TRUST to be used by me at the pleasure of the said GRAND CHAPTER and until I am requested to return the same to the GRAND CHAPTER, or until my death. AND I HEREBY AGREE to return the said Masonic Regalia to the said GRAND CHAPTER upon request.

In the event of my death, I hereby instruct my Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assigns to deliver the said Masonic Regalia to the GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE and I hereby agree to append a copy of this Acknowledgment of Ownership to my last Will and Testament so that my Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assigns will be aware that the said Masonic Regalia is/was held by me IN TRUST.

Executed this _____ day of _____, AD _____

REGALIA CONCERNED

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE _____

IN THE PRESENCE OF _____

(Proceedings 1995, page 36)

54. GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE (1997)

Resolved: that the Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery create a Standing Committee to be known as the Grand York Rite Annual Meeting Committee. The duties of said Committee to be:

* Make all necessary arrangements for the facilities for the annual York Rite Meetings, for the lodging of the Guests of the Grand Bodies, for the Annual Banquet and for the Ladies and Mens lunches. For the negotiation of costs and the execution of any contracts to accomplish these objectives.

* Plan and conduct all operations for the Meetings including publicity, solicitation of attendees, receipt and management of all funds, payment of all obligations, Banquet seating arrangements, and rendering a just and true account of the same to the Finance Committees of the several Grand Bodies for Audit within four weeks of the meetings.

* Assist the Grand Presiding Officers in obtaining Entertainment for the Annual Banquet: and for providing amenities, such as Hospitality rooms, Ladies programs, decorations etc. that the Presiding officers wish to sponsor.

* Manage the Annual Meeting with a Revenue Neutral objective with the Grand Bodies paying for, or causing to be paid for, the out-of-pocket cost for the food and lodging for their invited guests. Further, that any excess revenue or cost shall be the responsibility of the Grand Bodies on a pro-rata basis of the invited guests attending.

*The committee shall be composed of three members, one from each of the three Grand Bodies. Their term of service shall be for three years except for the initial appointments, where the member from Grand Chapter shall be for one year, Grand Council for two years and Grand Commandery for three years. The chairmanship shall rotate annually through Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery so that the longest service member is the Chair. The Grand Presiding officers are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee may, and is encouraged to, recruit additional support to accomplish the objectives of the committee. (Proceedings 1997, page 34)

55. ***GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE PERMANENT FUND (1999)***

1. This Fund shall be known as the Grand Chapter of Delaware Permanent Fund.

2. The purpose of this Fund is to assist in offsetting the expenses of the Annual Convocation and the Grand High Priest during his term of office.

3. The principal of this fund may not be spent and must remain for growth. The investment income may be used only in accordance with No.4 below.

4. When the Fund reaches the amount of five thousand dollars

(\$5000.00), 50% of the annual investment income may be spent; 25% annually and 25% accumulated for three years to assist in offsetting the cost of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter International by the Grand High Priest or his designated Proxy. When the Fund accumulates to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), 75% of the annual investment income may be spent; 50% annually and 25% accumulated for three years to assist in offsetting the cost of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Chapter International by the Grand High Priest or his designated Proxy. At no time, regardless of how large the fund grows, can more than 75% of the annual investment income be spent. There must always be 25% of the annual investment income rolled over into the fund for growth.

5. This Fund shall be managed by a committee of three (3) Companions, from the Constituent Chapters, to serve staggered terms of three years each. The Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio member of this committee responsible for the accountability of the Fund and the disbursement of any monies from the Fund.

6. The incoming Grand High Priest shall appoint one (1) Companion, to serve a three year term on this Committee.

7. The Committee members shall select a Chairman from its members.

8. The Committee's duties shall be:

A. Devise, and see implemented, ways to raise money for the Fund.

B. Prudently invest the proceeds of the Fund in the best interest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

C. Prepare an annual report of the progress of the Fund to be presented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

9. There is no requirement that investment income be spent each year. Further, it may only be used for the purposes designated herein.

10. Expenditures from this Fund can only be made following written request for same which clearly identifies the basis and reason for the disbursement. These disbursements cannot exceed the fair and reasonable expense for the purposes so designated.

11. Each incoming Grand High Priest is encouraged to have his own program to assist in raising money for the Fund.

56. ***GRAND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE*** (1999)

Resolved: that the Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery create a Standing Committee to be known as the Grand York Rite Leadership and Education Committee. The duties of said Committee to be:

1. Conceive, prepare, schedule and conduct Seminars for the Officers of the Grand and Constituent bodies of the York Rite on subjects that will improve their ability to lead and educate the members of their respective bodies. At least two (2) Seminars shall be conducted each year in locations accessible to all members of the Rite. Multiple sessions may be considered to satisfy this requirement.

2. Develop, prepare, publish, and provide to the Officers and members of the York Rite materials which will enhance the ability of the Officers to lead, and permit all to better understand the principles of Freemasonry.

3. The committee shall be composed of three members, one from each of the three Grand Bodies. Their term of service shall be for three years except for the initial appointments, where the member from Grand Chapter shall be for one year, Grand Council for two years and Grand Commandery for three years. The chairmanship shall rotate annually through Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery so that the longest service member is the Chair. The Grand Presiding officers are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee may, and is encouraged to, recruit additional support to accomplish the objectives of the committee.

57. ***GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH COMMITTEE*** (1999)

Resolved: that the Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery create a Standing Committee to be known as the Grand York Rite Youth Committee. The duties of said Committee to be:

1. To maintain a continuing liaison with the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters. They shall advise the York Rite bodies of youth activities and elicit support from our membership. They shall advise the Grand Bodies of specific needs of the youth groups and recommend appropriate action.

2. The committee shall be composed of three members, one from each of the three Grand Bodies. Their term of service shall be for three years except for the initial appointments, where the member from Grand Chapter shall be for one year, Grand Council for two years and Grand Commandery for three years. The chairmanship shall rotate annually through Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery so that the longest service member is the Chair. The Grand Presiding officers are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee may, and is encouraged to, recruit additional support to accomplish the objectives of the committee.

3. Specific Duties:

. Following each annual session of the York Rite Bodies, provide to the Executive Officer for DeMolay for Delaware and the Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters for Delaware the names and addresses of the current Grand and Constituent Officers of the Grand Chapter.

. By January 1 of each year, provide to the Grand Secretary the names and addresses of each Delaware DeMolay Chapter, each Delaware Bethel, International Order of Job's Daughters together with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the presiding officers.

. By December 1 of each year, provide to the Grand King a recommended visitation schedule to selected Delaware DeMolay Chapters and Delaware Job's Daughters Bethels for his year. This schedule to be developed in conjunction with Grand Council and Grand Commandery and should insure that each DeMolay Chapter and each Job's Daughters Bethel is visited at least once every three years. This visitation to be conducted in conjunction with the Constituent Body nearest the Chapter or Bethel to be visited. Wherein there are multiple such Constituent Bodies, the visitation will be undertaken in a numerical rotating basis within Chapter/Council and Commandery.

58. OPENING CHAPTER ON THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE (2001)

Amend the ritual of the Royal Arch Degree so that at the option of the presiding officer, the sentence in the opening (page 91 of the Forty First Edition of the General Grand Chapter Ritual, dated 1976) which states "**kneel on right knee**" may be omitted.

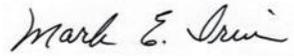
##. OPENING A CHAPTER WITH LESS THAN 9 MEMBERS (2015)

Number of companions required for opening a stated meeting of a Chapter:
The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Chapter shall be **Five**. They shall consist of the following:

Excellent High Priest (May be a past High Priest of said Chapter).
King (May be a past High Priest of said Chapter).
Scribe (May be a past High Priest of said Chapter).
One of the 5 will serve as Secretary.

The minimum number of companions required to open a stated meeting of a Chapter for conferring degrees or other work shall be **Nine** or more.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS NUMBERED AND CROSS-REFERENCES ADDED - 1973 UPDATED March
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